The State Government has also reported on 16.11.2009 that it has taken the following additional action in this matter:

- 128 mining leases for various minerals including iron ore, manganese, chromite, limestone, dolomite and quartzite, where application for renewal of lease had been pending have been verified and mining operations suspended.
- 482 licences granted by the State for trading and storage of minerals have been suspended/cancelled.
- State Level Enforcement squad is conducting intensive inspection of non grant areas to check for illegal mining.
- The Mines Department in the State has begun verification of the mining lease boundaries, for which remote sensing technology is also proposed to be used.
- Four Committees have been constituted at State level for setting up integrated check gates, Revenue Intelligence, Study rationalization of weigh-bridges, and Study to deploy IT application in mineral administration.
- Filling up vacant post in the Mines Department of the State Government to enhance enforcement.

The Government has not come across any instance of clandestine transportation of iron ore, chromites and manganese into China and Bangladesh. However, the export of these minerals is guided by the EXIM policy laid down by the Government.

Minority concentration districts

381. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU : Will the Minister of MINORITY APFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Minority concentration districts identified in the country, State-wise.

(b) the details of districts that have been put under A category and B category;

(c) the details of multi-sectoral and other development programmes undertaken in category A and B districts, State-wise; and

(d) how Government ensures that the benefits of programmes reaches to the beneficiary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (c) 90 Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) which are relatively backward and lagging behind the national average in terms of socio-economic and basic amenities indicators have been identified in the country. Of these, 53 MCDs which fall behind in both socio-economic and basic amenities indicators has been classified under Category "A" and 37 MCDs which fall behind in either one of the indicators have been classified under Category "B". A special area development

programme has been launched in 2008-09 as a Central Sponsored Scheme (CSS) called multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) and this has been designed to address the development deficits identified by a baseline survey by topping up existing CSS which address such deficits. The MCDs in Category "A" and "B" and scheme/programme implemented under the Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) in the MCDs are available on the website www.minorityaffairs.gov in

(d) To ensure that the programme is implemented effectively, the programme envisages that district and State level committees constituted for implementation of the Prime Minister New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities in the States/UTs shall monitor the progress of implementation of MsDP.

Review of 15 Point Programme

382. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK : Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of implementation of 15 point programme of the Prime Minister has been made by Government;

(b) if so, the details of the results of the review; and

(c) the details of the implementation of the programme by various States, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Prime Ministerus New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was launched in June, 2006 incorporating programme specific interventions. The new programme envisages location of a certain proportion of development projects in minority concentration areas. It also provides that, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes should be earmarked for minorities. The programme provides for a close monitoring mechanism at the Centre, State and District levels. The status of implementation of the new programme has been reviewed six times. Three new schemes have been included in the new 15 Point Programme *viz* National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) of the Department of Drinking Water Supply, and Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) of the Ministry of Urban Development. The Government has also approved inclusion of certain numbers of Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly in the State and District Level Committees for implementation of the Prime Ministerus New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities.

The state-wise details of implementation of the schemes amenable to earmarking for minorities in the programme for 2008-09 is on the web-site of the Ministry at www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.